

JULY 1974

2.7.74 Lakshmi ooruni Route 6.30 to 7.30 A.M.

Water in the little tanks drying up
fastly - cloudy - no wind -

11. Little Cormorant
12. ~~Common~~ Heron
13. Night Heron
14. Pied Kingfisher
15. Common Kingfisher
16. White Breasted Kingfisher
17. Pied White Wagtail
18. Common Green Bee-eater
19. White Throated Munia
20. Jungle Babbler
21. Rose Ringed Parakeet (50 to 60
Common down
to 100
Hatched
field)
22. Red vented Bulbul
23. Indian Robin
24. Palm Swift
25. Common House Swift
26. Hoopoe
27. Koel (Heard)
28. ~~Spotted~~ Ring Dove
29. Rock Pigeon
30. Madras Bush Lark

4.7.74 Beria Kanmai Up to North Kalingu

5.45 to 7.45 A.M.

Hot sunny morning - dew in the night - water dried up in the northern Kalingu. ~~also~~ Painted Storks not coming from east as in the last week. They were already in the middle of the Kanmai - fishing operation going on. Few weavers in breeding plumage. Not even a single Pied Crested Cuckoo. Absence of this and the delayed deficient monsoon.

Black winged Kites, Pelican and Black winged Stilts also absent. Herons and Nuns in good numbers. Brahmmy Myra still not arrived.

Cattle Egrets also absent.

One or two Terns and large number of Egrets near the fish activity spot.

Singing skylark not present.

← 4.7.74 Peria Kammal

- Grey Heron
31 Purple Heron
32 Painted Stork
33 Spoon bill
34 B. Bellied Finch Lark
M. B. Lark.
Rock Pigeon
Ring Dove
R. R. Parakeet
Palm Swift
House Swift
35 Tailor Bird
36 Loten's Sunbird
37 Purple Sunbird
38 Baddy field warbler
39 Ashy Wren warbler
40 Grey Partridge (Heard)
41 Cuckoo
Bied Kingfisher
W. Br. Kingfisher
W. Throated Munia
42 Spotted Munia
43 Weaver Bird
Common Bee Eater (24)
44 River Tern
45 Midcan Egret

- Red vented Bulbul
Bied White Wagtail
46. Tree Pipit
47 Open billed Stork
48 Grey Drongo

7-7-1974 Sethukarai - 7.30 Bus to Jirupallam
11.15 Bus to Ramnagar

cloudy-windy-day - Moon Set. 7.45 A.M.

Most probably this is the last trip for
this year. To day even though I had not
listed as many birds as in the winter
I had good numbers.

$\frac{0}{0}$ { Brahmany Myna & Pied Crested
Cuckoo were absent at Sethukarai
also. They it seems they migrate
during monsoon months to more
better zones. Indian Robins were
in good numbers. A wild rattling
of a bird heard repeatedly - but
I am not able to recognize the bird.
Two Gorals seen. Blue Faced Malkoke
one on the Road side. But not find
in the Thorn forest.

On the beach there is
not single bird. Even the Swire

MUSIRI

12. 7. 1974

Birds seen around the house being
in the house even without coming down
the Road

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| 1. Black Drongo | 17. White Breasted Kite |
| 2. Myna | 18. Sikara |
| 3. House Crow | 19. Jungle Crow |
| 4. Jungle Babbler | 20. Swallow. |
| 5. Brahmany Myna
(absent at Damod,
during June-July) | 21. White Headed Wagtail |
| 6. Redvented Bulbul | 22. Wood Shrike |
| 7. Paddy Bird (in flight) | 23. Spotted Owl |
| 8. Koel | 24. Hoopoe |
| 9. Palm Swift | 25. Common Babbler |
| 10. Pur. R. Sunbird | 26. Tailor Bird |
| 12. Tree Pie (with next) | 27. Purple Sunbird |
| 13. Pariah Kite | 28. Rose Ringed Parakeet |
| 14. Indian Roller | |
| 15. Brahmany Kite | |
| 16. House Sparrow | |

10 Common Birds AROUND MUSIRI

1. Common Crow
2. Jungle Crow
3. House Sparrow
4. Common Myna
5. Jungle Babbler
6. Parakeet
7. White Breasted Kingfisher
8. Black Drongo
9. Pied White Wagtail
10. Prach Kite

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11. Purple Sunbird
12. Brahminy Kite
13. Palm Swift
14. Indian Roller
15. Redvented Bulbul
16. Common Bee Eater
17. Rock Pigeon
18. Spotted Dove
19. B-Bellied Finch Lark
20. Weaver Bird

14.7.74 Salem Road - 8.00 to 8.30 A.M.

1. Common Kingfisher
2. W.B. Kingfisher.
3. Paddy Bird
4. Tree Pie
5. Red vented Bulbul
6. Indian ~~Reckless~~
7. White ~~Reckless~~
8. Striated Warbler
9. Common Crow
10. Pariah Kite
11. House Sparrow.
12. House Crow
13. Black Drongo
14. C. My na
15. Jungle Crow
16. Rose Ringed Parakeet.
17. Weaver Bird ?

15.7.74 Salem Road up to New Bridge 6.00 to 8.15
Returned via By Pass Road

Cloudy - Windless day

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 House Crow | 26 Wood Shrike |
| 2 Jungle Crow | 27 River Tern |
| 3 House Sparrow | 28 Grey Heron |
| 4 Common Myna | 29 Night-Heron |
| 5 Booming Kite | 30 B.B. Finch Lark |
| 6 Pariah Kite | 31 Madras Bush Lark |
| 7 Black Drongo | 32 Ashy Swallow Shrike |
| 8 Paddy Bird | 33 Purple Rumped Sunbird |
| 9 Little Egret | 34 Palm Swift |
| 10 Indian Robin | 35 House Swift |
| 11 Turtle Dove | |
| 12 Little Minivet | |
| 13 Jungle Babbler | |
| 14 Common W. H. Babbler | |
| 15 W. B. Kingfisher | |
| 16 R. V. Bulbul | |
| 17 R. R. Parakeet | |
| 18 Striated Warbler | |
| 19 Ashy Wren Warbler | |
| 20 Common Bee Eater | |
| 21 Spotted Munia | |
| 22 White Backed Munia | |
| 23 Koel | |
| 24 White Throated Munia | |
| 25 Weaver Bird. | |

20.7.74 - 2.30 to 6.30 P.M

By Bus to Ayyampalayam 9 K.M East in the
Trichy Road - By Cycle upto upper Anicut
another 7 K.M.

Cloudy - Windless very light.

Noted a Purple Rumped sun bird's nest
at 11 K.M mark. Just hanging over
water in the Road side Vaikkal above
50 C.M above water. Flight of the bird
made it possible to find out the nest.
Weaver Birds also Building nests. One
Bird with green straw in its beak sitting
on the wire tried to do some work. When
another bird approached the 1st one (possibly
the partner) chased it away. Doves
and weavers in large numbers. Weavers
were seen over sugarcane field about
5.30 P.M. They are making lot of noise
and flying in and out of the field.
One chestnut bitters flew about
and came down in the road side bush.
In the upper Anicut there were monkeys
with young ones. River Terns and
Brahmany kites.

- 36 Chestnut bittorn
 37 Magpie Robin
 38 F Warbler
 39 Golden backed Woodpecker
 40 Brahmīnī Myna
 River Tern
 Brahmin Kite
 Pariah Kite
 41 Indian Roller
 Common Mynas
 House Crow
 Jungle Crow
 Common Bee Eater
 Ashy Swallow Shrike
 Drongo
 Purple Rumped Sunbird
 Indian Robin
 Weaver Bird
 Rose Ringed Parakeet
 Turtle Dove
 White Breasted Kingbird
 White Backed Munia
 42 Copper Smith (heard)
 Spotted Munia
 Little Minivet
 Wood Shrike
 Palm Swift
 House Swift

Jungle Babbler
 43 Tailor Bird (heard)
 Tree Pie
 Redvented Bulbul
 Striated Warbler
 44 Spotted Owlet
 Turin Road

Absence of Pied
 Crested Cuckoo
 noticeable - noted
 one bird while
 travelling to Madurai
 Casual not noted

22. 7. 74 upto Thiraseengimalai
8.30 to 11.00 A.M.

By Bus - Photographed the hillock
and the temple. After 9.00 bird
activity not much as in the
early hours. NTeda Black
Drongo sitting in the nest just
12 feet from ground in api @ @ @
over the branch growing over the
canal

23. 7. 74 upto Kottaiyoor - By Bus
8.45 to 10.45. Photographed the nest of
the Purple Rumped sunbird - no
egg or fledging in the nest. Frocks
arrived in the Kaveri - small canals
shut off.

45. Green Billed Malhaha

46. Shikara

47. Yellow Eyed Babbler

48. Grey Drongo.

49. Spotted Dove

50. Rock Pigeon

24.7.74 Turaiyur Road up to 4 km
6.30 to 7.15 A.M.

The Roads sides have well irrigated garden on both sides. Kalli and other traditional vegetation form the "Borai" on both side. But the bird population was not higher. This is due to the high velocity of wind as the road level raises up about 100 metres in its course. Jungle Babblers are very common around this place. Met- 10 5 12

~~Common~~ Crow

Jungle Crow

Tree Pie

Black Drongo

Jungle Babbler

Red-V. Bulbul.

R. R. Parakeet

Bay's Weaver

Eaters

Crookwals w

Kestrel

Common Bee Eater

Koel

Common Nighthawk

White Backed Mania

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28.7-1974 up to New Bridge via By Pass
and returned in salun Bary

6.00 to 8.00 A.M. - cloudy cool morning
Harvesting operations going in few fields
and ~~planting~~ preparation for planting in one
or two fields.

Absence of Hoopie and Crested
Cuckoo.

Noticed Two Common Sand
Pipers early arrivals. Weavers
numerous around Sugarcane fields.
Noticed one white Browed Bulbul.

I hope the number will increase to
50 during November or December.

To day it was 35.

New Birds seen.

- 51 Yellow Throated Sparrow
- 52 Common Sand Piper
- 53 Red Watted Lapping
- 54 White Breasted Waterhen
- 55 White Browed Bulbul
- 56 Black Headed Munia
- 57 Singing Sky Lark:
- 58 Tree Pipit

2.8.1974 A Nest of Black Drongos
half completed a week ago. Bird is
sitting in the nest.

8.8.1974 Continued to sit in the
nest. Seen in the morning and evening.

September = 1974

After long interval to day I went out for bird watching. For the past ^{one} ~~two~~ ^{weeks} there were intermittent showers. Pied Crested Cuckoo, Swallow, ~~and~~ Blue Tailed Bee Eaters and Grey Headed Wagtail were arrived. In the college I heard Brain Fever Bird.

The Singing Cresento of the Black Drangos were not heard in the mornings now. The act may be some connection with Breeding.

Transplanting operations are in full swing around Nassiri.

Golden Oriole has not yet arrived. I hope to record at least 70 birds for this month. List on the next page.

19.9.74 ~~AN~~ 3-5 P.M. upto New Bridge ~~ing~~


20.9.74 6.57.30 A.M. upto Umayar Parana

~~20.9.74 6 to 7.00 A.M. upto New Bridge.~~

1. House Crow
2. Jungle Crow
3. House Sparrow
4. Common Myna
5. Jungle Babbler
6. W. Headed Babbler
7. Indian Roller
8. Indian Robin
9. Black Drongo
10. Pariah Kite
11. Comm. Bee Eater
12. Blue Tailed "
13. W.B. Kingfisher
14. " Kingfisher
15. Common Swift
16. Palm Swift
17. Ashy Shallow Shrike
18. Common Swallow
19. Red Vented Bulbul
20. Purple Sunbird
21. P. Rumped Sunbird
22. Lsten's Sunbird

23. Tailor Bird
24. Ashy Wren Warbler
25. Baya
26. Spotted Dove
27. Tree Pie
28. Short Tied Hawk
29. Grey Headed Wag Tail
30. Pied White Wag Tail
31. Bram Fever Bird
32. Cuckoo Shrike
33. Brahmany Kite
34. Paddy Bird
35. Little Egret
36. Pied Crested Cuckoo
37. The Iora
38. Common Sandpiper
39. Spotted Sandpiper
40. Rock Pigeon
41. Spotted owl (heard)
42. R.R. Parakeet
43. W. Backed Munia
44. Wreath Warbler?
45. River Tern

22.9.74 - 6.10-7.30 A.M. Umayalpuram Jungle.

Heavy rains over night. I went upto Umayalpuram as on 20.9.74. Today able to notice few birds. A new variety of Babbler was here. It was very active and makes screeching noise and  I found it feeding its young one. Probably two young birds. It has short white lines starting from bill and running just upto the eyes. I should again visit and identify it.

- 46 Koel
- 47 Spotted Munia
- 48 Rufous Babbler?
- 49 Turtle Dove
- 50 Grey Drongo
- 51 Wood Shrike
- 52 ~~Green~~ Billed Malkoha

30.9.1974 - 6.00 - 7.30 A.M. - up to New Bridge

Common Sandpipers and
Spotted Sandpipers ~~are~~ ^{were} seen in
flocks in the fields where cultivation
operations are in progress. Swallows
increased in numbers. Shrikes
were also seen. While going to Trichy
and returning saw Chestnut-Bitterns.
Little Minvets were absent. Golden
Orioles were not yet arrived.

- 53 Chestnut Bittern
- 54 Brown Shrike
- 55 Golden Backed Woodpecker
- 56 Hoopie
- 57 Shikara
- 58 Yellow-Throated Sparrow

Sept 30 - 58
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3.10.1974 - 6.30 to 7.30 - Umayalpuram Forest.

Heavy Rains on 1.10.74 night - water
Ragged inside the forest. Bee Eaters in large
Numbers everywhere - wagtails -

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| 1. House Crow | 24. Spotted Dove |
| 2. Jungle Crow | 25. Turtle Dove |
| 3. House Sparrow | 26. Tree Pie |
| 4. Yellow throated Sparrow | 27. Koel |
| 5. Carn. Myna | 28. Shikara |
| 6. Brambling Kite | 29. River Tern |
| 7. Pariah Kite | 30. Tendon Chlorophis |
| 8. Jungle Babbler | 31. Yellow Browed Bulbul |
| 9. Swallow | 32. R.R. Parakeet |
| 10. Palm Swift | 33. River Tern. |
| 11. Black Drongo | 34. Golden Backed Woodpecker |
| 12. Ashy Swallow Shrike | 35. Short Toed Lark ? |
| 13. Wood Shrike | 36. Purple Sunbird. |
| 14. Blue T. B. Eater | 37. Indian Roller. |
| 15. Common B. Eater | |
| 16. W. B. Kingfisher | |
| 17. Yellow Wagtail | |
| 18. Pied Wagtail | |
| 19. Tailor Bird | |
| 20. Purple R. Sunbird | |
| 21. R. Vented Bulbul | |
| 22. White Throated Munia | |
| 23. Spotted Munia | |

4.10.74 - up to New Bridge - 6.15 to 7.15 p.m.

To day I noticed the peculiar mating habit of the Striated Warblers. When one bird was sitting on the wire over the paddy field the other came round in front of it just like a bee circling over flowers swiftly. Then the mated the bird sitting on the wire for about fifteen seconds and the two birds lost balance (maybe) and one on the wire clinging from the wire by one leg while the other clinging to the leg of the other bird head down wards both birds were in that position for about three minutes without any motion as if they were electrocuted. Then they flew away in opposite directions.

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| 38 Rock Pigeons | 46 Striated Warblers |
| 39 Little Stints | 47 Iora |
| 40 Common Sandpiper | 48 Little Egret |
| 41 Spotted Sandpiper | 49 Palla's Eagle? |
| 42 Red Wattled Lapwing | 50 Fantail Warblers |
| 43 W. Bellied Drongo | 51 Tree Pipit. |
| 44 Common Kingfisher | |
| 45 Hoopoe | |

13.10.74 - upto Sririvassanallur - 6.00 to 8.00 A.M.

Still cultivation operations are going in some fields. Golden Oriole not yet arrived. Blue Tailed Bee Eaters, Swallows & Mynas assemble at certain spot & fly around. Near the new bridge in the "Tiltu" Egrets were seen in large numbers. Probably they are roosting there every night. The flew now each morning and evening in large numbers. Yesterday, I saw swallow flying one after the other over the house at about 5.45 A.M. probably from roosting place. It may be an act daily occurring.

52 House Swift.

53 Pied Kingfisher

54 Medium Egret.

55 Kestrel

~~Little Stint~~

56 Spotted owl

57 Pied Crested Duck

58 Brahmany My na

59 Ashy Wren Warbler

Second Half of October 1974

Trip to Madurai then Coimbatore
Coimbatore to Mysiri then CBE
then Mysiri

Mainly Dry weather -
unusually this year there is
no S E Monsoon Rains

Due to lack of rain or other
reasons the Sawallows around
Coimbatore were less in number
Shrikes were numerous - Bay Backed
and Rufous were plenty around
Palladam.

Nearly Hundred Birds
were noted by me.

Blue Tailed Bee Eaters
were every where.

Golden Oriole not yet
arrived anywhere.

2.11.74 up to new bridge - Via by pass Road
6.30 to 7.30 A.M.

Cold Chill Wheathes - Rain on 27.10.74

Yellow wagtails were many in numbers
Sandpipers were in good numbers
and a pair engaged in fight.

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| 1 Little Egret | 21 Tree Pie |
| 2 Paddy Bird | 22 Jungle Babbler |
| 3 Pariah Kite | 23 Striated Reed Warbler |
| 4 Com. Sandpiper | 24 Rain Tail Warbler |
| 5 Spotted Sandpiper | 25 Ashy Wren Warbler |
| 6 Little Stint | 26 W. Pied Wagtail |
| 7 River Tern | 27 Yellow Wagtail |
| 8 Koel | 28 Grey Wagtail |
| 9 R.R. Parakeet | 29 Common Swallow |
| 10 W.B. Kingfisher | 30 House Sparrow |
| 11 Common Bee Eater | 31 House Crow |
| 12 Blue Tailed Bee Eater | 32 Jungle Crow |
| 13 Bash Lark | 33 Golden Backed
Woodpecker |
| 14 Common Myna | |
| 15 Red Billed Bulbul | |
| 16 Indian Roller | |
| 17 Grey Drongo | |
| 18 King Crow | |
| 19 Spotted Dove | |
| 20 Rock Pigeon | |

29.11.19 - Umargalpuram - 6.30 to 7.30

Practically no rain for the past one month. Peculiar for the part of this year. Paddy fields - lusty green - water dwindled in Cauvery.

More than forty five (45) birds noted. Blue Tailed Bee Eater - Absent

A new variety of Wag Tail seen first in my bird watching career. Grey Headed Mynas in good numbers.

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| 34 | Wag Tail with Black Batches on the sides of stomach |
| 35 | Coppersmiths |
| 36 | Tailed Bird |
| 37 | Blue Backed Babbler |
| 38 | Grey Headed Myna |
| 39 | White Throated Munia |
| 40 | White Backed Munia |
| 41 | Indian Robin |
| 42 | Flower Pecker |
| 43 | White Browed Babbler |
| 44 | Spotted Owllet |
| 45 | B. B. Finch Lark |
| 46 | Pied Crested Cuckoo |
| 47 | Spotted Munia |
| 48 | Palm Swift |
| 49 | Red Wattled Lapwing |
| 50 | Hoopoe |
| 51 | Green Billed Maltbie |
| 52 | Green |

6.12.74 Up to New Bridge - 6.35 to 7.35 A.M.

Agricultural operations in one or two fields.
Paddy at various stages of growth. NO ^{Rain} ~~97 FUS~~

Ashy Swallow Strike which were numerous
During August - were completely absent. Blue
Tailed Bee Eaters & Wag Tails in large
numbers. Golden Orioles not yet seen.

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| 11 Jungle Babblers | 18 W. Breasted King Fisher |
| 2 Common Crow | 19 River Tern |
| 3 Jungle Crow | 20 Paddy Bird |
| 4 Common Myna | 21 L. Ringed Plover |
| 5 Tree Pie | 22 Common Sandpiper |
| 6 B. Bellie F. Lark | 23 Green Shank |
| 7 Blue. T. Bee Eater | 24 Shikare |
| 8 White Wag Tail | 25 Spotted Owlet |
| 9 Grey Head Wag Tail | 26 Pariah Kite |
| 10 Pied Wag Tail | 27 Black Headed Munia |
| 11 Rock Pigeon | 28 Common Swallow |
| 12 House Sparrow | 29 <u>Two Crows</u> |
| 13 Yellow Throated Sparrow | 30 Boya Weaver |
| 14 Black Drongo | |
| 15 Grey Drongo | |
| 16 By the Reed Warbler | |
| 17 Purple Rumped Sunbird | |

20.12.74 upto Umayalpuram 6.30 to 7.30 A.M.

NO RAIN for the past two month. Little water flowing in The Cauvery. Uchepter Trees in flower. Paddy fields with beautiful Green.

Noted a single Paradise fly catcher. Golden Oriole not yet arrived. A mystry or 9 min it. Grey Headed mynas in good numbers. Not a single Brahminy Myna. New Birds for the Month:-

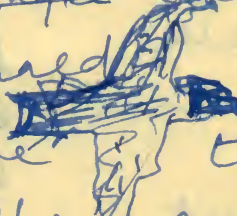

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| 31. White Browed Bulbul | 41 Golden Backed Woodpecker |
| 32. Flower Pecker | 42 Tailor Bird |
| 33. Purple Sunbird | 43 Palm Swift |
| 34 Grey Headed Myna | 44 House Swift |
| 35 Brahminy Kite | 45 Shikara |
| 36 Little Egret | 46 Common Bee Eater |
| 37 Cattle Egret | 47 Minaret |
| 38 Indian Robin | 48. ? Cuckoo |
| 39 Iora | |
| 40 White Browed Shrike | |

30.12.74 - 3.15 to 5.15 P.M.

Went by cycle in the Trichy Road up to Umayalparam and then climbed the left bank of the Kaveri and returned via the Band to Musiri.

Bright sunny afternoon.

No water in the river except in the low sand beds.

Able to hear Golden Orioles and Brian Fever Bird and Apper Smiths. A beautiful ~~Eagle~~ Eagle with Black head and barred under part was seen. The  tip of the wings are black. The  curled upwards in the flight. On the sand beds in the Cavery there were not many birds. The list overleaf includes few birds seen in the forenoon while going to the College.

30-12-74 amayalparam Route

House Crow
Jungle Crow
C. Myna
Jungle Babbler
Black Drongo
W. B. Kingfisher
Palm Swift
Common Swallow
Brown Swift
Indian Roller
P. Rumped Sunbird

49 Golden Oriole
50 Brian Fever Bird
51 Copper Smith
Blyth's Reed Warbler
52 Green Leaf Warbler
Tailor Bird

53 Little Minaret
54 Fairfild Warbler

56 Glossy Drongo

55 Red Wattle Lark
White Browed Babbler
Red Wattle Babbler
Blue Tailed Bee Eater

57 Common Bee Eater
Little Egret

Pied Wagtail

Common Sandpiper

58 Lesser Sand Plover

59 White Backed Munia

60 Cuckoo Shrike

Pariah Kite

Brahmany Kite

Rose Ringed Parakeet

River Tern

61 Median Egret

Paddy Bird

62 One Beautiful Eagle

63 Flower Pecker

64 Indian Roller

65 Spotted Pigeon

Total 65
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Total for Dec 74
65

B. B. Finch Lark

Tree Pie

House Sparrow

Grey Wagtail